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From: White, Terri-A

Sent: Thur 1/23/2014 12:29:02 AM Subject: FW: Questions for EPA

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Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 7:27 PM

To: Behringer, Caroline; Garvin, Shawn; Bloomgren, David Cc: Jones, Enesta; duteau, helen; binetti, victoria; Capacasa, Jon

Subject: RE: Questions for EPA

Caroline et al,

see draft responses to Ken Ward's questions. I'm hoping we can get responses to him tomorrow (Thursday). I tried to use much of what has already been approved. If I added text, I indicate that by what is underlined. Ken specifically asked to speak with EPA staff people who are on the ground in Charleston, but to date, Shawn has served as our spokesperson and spoke to Ken by phone last week.

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harmful chemicals. The President's Executive Order issued on August 1, 2013 and our Memorandum of Understanding with CSB emphasize our commitment to share information and cooperate as a means to achieve this objective. We are determined to move forward in a direction that respects the mission and duties of both organizations. We look forward to ongoing discussions with CSB and appreciate their commitment to keeping Americans safe.

Depending on the particular regulations, facilities would report their chemical information including inventories as well as prevention and response measures to EPA, States, local communities, and/or fire departments. EPA shares all facility chemical reports it receives with the CSB.

Please let me know ASAP when someone from EPA will be available to discuss these issues.

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From: Behringer, Caroline

Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 6:49 PM

To: White, Terri-A

Subject: Re: Questions for EPA

Thank you!

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From: White, Terri-A

Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 6:45:37 PM

To: Behringer, Caroline

Subject: Re: Questions for EPA

Just about done. Will send draft responses shortly to you and others.

From: Behringer, Caroline

Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 6:38:47 PM

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Terri - Any progress on where these stand?

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Following up, as I understand Alisha is out ... have previously tried several times and gotten no response from Region 3.

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From: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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Cc: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
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